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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 30, 2001, Applicant elects, with traverse, Group I (claims 1-4 and 8-13), directed to a method for the treatment of cancer in a mammal, and to a method for inhibiting the growth of a cancer cell (claims 14-20). In response to the election of species requirement, Applicant further elects the serotonin agent fluoxetine.

The Restriction Requirement is traversed on the basis that restriction requirements are optional in all cases. M.P.E.P. §803. If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it arguably may include claims to distinct or independent inventions. M.P.E.P. §803. In particular, the claims of Groups I-V are all directed towards uses for serotonin agents. Thus, they can be efficiently and effectively searched and examined with no additional burden placed on the Examiner.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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